

EPA PUBLIC NOTICE

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Reviews Cleanup at Reynolds Metals Superfund Site

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is conducting its third five-year review of the **Reynolds Metals Superfund Site**, located in the town of Massena, St. Lawrence County, New York. This review seeks to confirm that the implemented cleanup continues to protect human health and the environment.

In 2001, EPA began a dredging program to remove contaminated sediment from the bottom of the St. Lawrence River adjacent to the Reynolds facility. Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) are the primary contaminant found in river sediment. Areas with high levels of contamination were dredged. A total mass of approximately 20,200 pounds of PCBs were removed from the St. Lawrence River. In areas where post-dredging sampling determined that the cleanup goal had not been met despite multiple dredging attempts, a cap was placed to isolate any remaining contamination. Dredging and capping of the contaminated sediments was completed in 2009. Caps are monitored for erosion and repairs are made, as necessary.

A summary of cleanup activities and an evaluation of the protectiveness of the implemented cleanup will be included in the five-year review report.

What is an EPA Five-Year Review?

The purpose of five-year reviews is to ensure that implemented remedies at Superfund sites function as intended and continue to be protective of human health and the environment. These regular reviews, which are required by federal law when contaminants remain at a site, include:

- Inspection of the site and cleanup technologies;
- Review of monitoring data, operating data, and maintenance records, and
- Determination if any new relevant regulatory requirements have been established since EPA's original cleanup decision was finalized.

When will EPA's Five-Year Review Report be available?

It is anticipated that the five-year review report will be available at the following website in spring 2016: <https://semspub.epa.gov/src/collection/02/SC32530>.

For more information

There are several ways to review information on this site. The Administrative Record, which includes EPA decision documents used for selecting the cleanup remedy, is available for public review at the information repositories listed below.

St. Regis Mohawk Tribe Community Building
412 State Route 37
Akwesasne, NY 13655

OR

Massena Public Library
41 Glen Street
Massena, NY 13662

You may also contact

If you have any questions or concerns about the site, please contact:

Pamela Tames, P.E.
EPA Remedial Project Manager
Phone: (212) 637-4255
Email: tames.pam@epa.gov

OR

Larisa Romanowski
EPA Community Involvement Coordinator
Phone: (518) 407-0400
Email: romanowski.larisa@epa.gov